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**DATE:** 2020/07/06

**REF:** R14/49

**PROTOCOL NO:** **M200681** (*This is your ethics application study reference number. Please quote this reference number in all correspondence relating to this study*)

**PROJECT TITLE:** *Evaluating the impact of the postponement of elective primary TJA due to the Covid-19 pandemic on patients on the Arthroplasty Waiting List at Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital (CMJAH)*

Please find attached the Clearance Certificate for the above project. I hope it goes well and that an article in a recognized publication comes out of it. This will reflect well on your professional standing and contribute to the Government funding of the University.

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**DATE CONSIDERED:** Ad hoc

**DECISION:** Approved conditionally

**CONDITIONS:** Evidence of the approval of the CEO of CMJAH of the study should be submitted to the HREC (Medical)

**SUPERVISOR:** Dr L Mokete

**APPROVED BY:**   
Dr CB Penny, Chairperson, HREC (Medical)

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** 2020/07/06

This clearance certificate is valid for 5 years from the date of approval. Extension may be applied for.

**DECLARATION OF INVESTIGATORS**

To be completed in duplicate and **ONE COPY** returned to the Research Office Secretary on the 3rd Floor, Phillip Tobias Building, Parktown, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg.  
I/we fully understand the conditions under which I am/we are authorized to carry out the above-mentioned research and I/we undertake to ensure compliance with these conditions. Should any departure be contemplated, from the research protocol as approved, I/we undertake to submit details to the Committee. **I agree to submit a yearly progress report.** When a funder requires annual re-certification, the application date will be one year after the date when the study was initially reviewed. In this case, the study was initially reviewed in **June** and will therefore reports and re-certification will be due early in the month of **June** each year. Unreported changes to the application may invalidate the clearance given by the HREC (Medical).

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Principal Investigator Signature

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Date